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Fort Almanac—Dec. 15.

Sun Rises	7.08 A M
Sun Sets	4 47 P M
Day's Length	9 h 43 m
High Water at Southport	11.35 A M
High Water at Wilmington	1.05 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 14.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 62°; 8 p. m., 54°; maximum, 65°; minimum, 54°; mean, 60°.

Rainfall for the day, 1.59; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.70.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The storm area is now central near Washington, D C, with rain falling from North Carolina northeast to over New England. Heavy rain fell during the day over Florida, North Carolina, Eastern Pennsylvania, New York and New England, accompanied by heavy wind along the Middle Atlantic coast. Fair weather now prevails over the greater portion of the interior of the country, with cooler temperatures, except over Nebraska, where cloudiness is noted under another entering storm area.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Wednesday. Fair; cooler weather; west winds.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. 8 feet.

OUTLINES.

Both houses of Congress adjourned yesterday after fifteen minutes session, out of sympathy for President McKinley, whose mother was buried at Canton, Ohio, during the forenoon. —— John R. Smith, ex-superintendent of the N. C. penitentiary, has been appointed commissioner of agriculture to succeed J. F. Mewborne, whom Gov. Russell will at once appoint superintendent of the penitentiary. —— The A. & M. College herd of cattle at Raleigh is affected with tuberculosis. —— Five train robbers captured in Arizona will be taken for trial to New Mexico, where the penalty for train robbery is death. —— The Spanish legation at Washington has no information that Gen. Sanguilly has tendered his services to the Spanish cause. —— The Spanish Government is negotiating for the purchase of a cruiser built by the Armstrongs for Japan. —— Fred Rubeck, arrested in Cincinnati, has stolen within the last five years nearly $100,000 worth of horses and buggies —— The reduction of wages of operatives in Fall River mills will go into effect January 3d, 1898, it is not known what action the mill hands will take. —— Only one man, John Anderson, the cook, of the crew of the schooner Olive Packer, will be tried for the murder of the captain and mate of the vessel; indictments against others have been dismissed —— Andrew Dowdy, a prominent citizen of Cumberland county, Va., committed suicide. —— Two masked men raided a town in North Dakota and got away with several hundred dollars. —— The funeral of Mrs. McKinley, mother of the President, at Canton, Ohio, was attended by thousands of people; the floral tributes were profuse. —— A caucus of Democratic members of the House of Representatives adopted a resolution favoring the early consideration and passage of the Senate resolution recognizing Cuban belligerency. —— Nearly three hundred delegates are in attendance upon the convention of Southern Cotton Growers in Atlanta. —— New York markets: Money on call was firm at 2@3½ per cent.; cotton quiet and steady—middling 5⅞c; flour dull and nominally lower; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 98½ f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot quiet; No. 2 33⅞c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

If it were not for the "endless chain" what would some financiers do for something to pull on?

The Aztecs of Mexico are not an extinct race. It is said about 150,000 of them still survive in Mexico.

The McKinley prosperity wave must have struck Baltimore. There are 500 offices to be disposed of in that burg and there are only 9,000 applicants for them.

Chicago will have to lookout for her pre-eminence. St. Louis has recently made a record of fifty two divorces in two days, and St. Louis is a slow, pokey old town.

Boss Reed says he sees no necessity for a long session of Congress. There are a good many people who can see no necessity for any session of such a Congress as this one is.

Gen. Weyler and his friends are organizing a new party in Spain to oppose the policy of the Government as regards Cuba. At present it is engaged in lionizing the Butcher.

A Kansas City man has received $10,000 damages from a lodge of the Knights of Maccabees for letting the goat butt him so hard as to dislocate one of his kidneys while initiating him.

If Mr. Vanderlip who has found about forty employes in the Philadelphia mint for whom there is no use, waltzed through the various Government departments, he might discover several thousand supernumeraries.

A new beet sugar factory near Rome, N. Y., which went into operation October 1st, will work 15,000 tons of beets this season, the amount contracted for by the neighboring farmers, and will make about 12,000 barrels of granulated sugar. Next season the supply of beets will be larger.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

Some Kansas editors have very short memories. One of them tells about wearing a shirt every day for a year, the collar button on which hurt his neck, and which he resolves every day to burn when he gets home at night and then forgets all about it, and goes on wearing that same old shirt and collar button. We should think that after wearing a shirt every day for a year he would become the possessor of so much real estate and live stock that he would find incinerating the estate a pretty large-sized job.

Ex Librarian Spofford, of the Congressional Library, had a remarkable memory for historical facts, figures, &c., but it wasn't worth a continental on postoffice money orders, &c., about $30,000 of which were found stuck away in odd places in the library, which had escaped his memory.

A New Jersey man who has more Whiskers than he wants is petitioning the Legislature to relieve him of the part he inherited in the name that Mr. Whiskers, Sr., left him. The boys played too many practical jokes on his Whiskers and hence he prays for the removal.

An exchange announces that "they have hanged one double murderer in California, a poor obscure fellow, who had neither money nor friends." In that case we don't suppose he had much objection, and they doubtless thought they were doing him a kindness.

Mr. David Sutzeberger, of Philadelphia, who has had the assistance of the American Jewish Historical Association in making the enumeration of the Hebrews in this country, makes the total 937,800, of whom 12,000 are located in North Carolina.

We are disposed in this country to class bull fighting with the barbarous amusements, but last week in New York 100,000 people paid for seats in Madison Square Garden to see a lot of bicycle cranks torture themselves.

There is trouble in the Klondike. The mine owners have combined to cut wages from January to June to a dollar an hour, while the workmen insist on $1.50. Perhaps they are starting this agitation to keep warm.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
E. VANLAER—New pianos.
S. W. SANDERS—Fat turkeys.
D. O'CONNOR—Real estate agent.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

WANTED—Agents, either sex.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The British steamer *Rockabill*, hence for Bremen, arrived out yesterday.

— The Epworth League of Grace M. E. church will hold its regular monthly meeting to-night.

— Several new four room houses are being erected on the corner of Green and Anderson streets.

— The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet this afternoon at the Wilmington Light Infantry Armory.

— The first quarterly meeting for the present Conference year for Grace M. E church will be held by the Presiding Elder, Rev. R. C. Beaman, next Sunday.

— The cargo of the *Mabel Darling* consists mainly of oranges, though there are a few cocoanuts, bananas and pineapples, besides an assortment of sea shells and star fish.

— At Market Street M. E. church to-morrow night, Rev. T. H. Sutton, the former pastor, is expected to preach his 1st sermon to that congregation. Rev. A. Barnes, the new pastor, will conduct services next Sunday.

— The unceasing rain of yesterday caused a gentleman to call to mind a Welcome Week some years ago just about this time of the year. The first day was about like yesterday and the rain kept up during the whole week.

— Rev. E. A. Yates, D.D., so well and favorably known as one of the former pastors of Grace M. E. church, to the delight of his many friends, is expected to arrive in the city the latter part of the present week upon a short visit and will be gladly welcomed.

— In regard to the size of the water mains in the city, a STAR representative was informed yesterday by Mr. W. F. Robertson, Superintendent of the Clarendon Water Works Company, that ninety per cent. of the mains are six, eight, ten and twelve inch mains, and only ten per cent. are four inch mains.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. J. T. John, of John's Station, was here yesterday.

— Mr. L. Clement, of Fair Bluff, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. T. Hobbs, of Stump Sound, was in the city yesterday.

— Capt. J. J. Adkins, of Southport, came up to the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. J. W. Brooks, of Southport, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Mr. E. B. Wright, a prominent mill man of Hub, was here yesterday with his family.

— Mr. F. P. Sidbury and son, of Rocky Point, were here yesterday making business calls.

— Mr. J. W. Carter, a prominent merchant of Maxton, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Miss Clara Baum, of Dallas, Texas, has arrived in the city and will spend the Winter at the home of Mr. A. David.

— The STAR learns with regret of the serious illness of Mrs V. A. Sanders, the mother of the well known merchant, Mr. S. W. Sanders.

— Mr. Edgar Bear left yesterday afternoon on a business trip through South Carolina. While in the Palmetto State he will take in a part of Charleston's gala week.

— Mr. I. Hogeland, superintendent of the Glenoe stock farm, is at The Orton. He expects Mr. Thos. A. McIntire and party to arrive en route to Verona on next Saturday.

— Major Graham Daves, of Newbern, who arrived in the city last Friday to attend the funeral of the late Dr. A. J. DeRosset, was among the callers at this office yesterday.

— Mr. Ivey Taylor left yesterday for Harrell's Store, where to-night he will act as best man to the groom in the marriage of Rev. Mr. Gilbert to Miss Lou Fennell, both of Harrell's Store.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday were J. A. Brady, Greenville; Henry G. Barbee, Durham; J. E. Smithwick, Tillery; C. W. Griffin, Monroe; W. P. Gore and W. P. Russ, Shallotte; G. S. Fowler, Lenoir.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—187 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 11 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—506 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 125 bbls rosin, 83 bbls tar, 21 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—94 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 63 bbls rosin, 21 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—223 bales cotton, 43 casks spirits turpentine, 5 bbls rosin, 49 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—8 casks spirits turpentine, 140 bbls rosin, 64 bbls tar, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,010 bales; spirits turpentine, 100 casks; rosin, 333 bbls; tar, 238 bbls; crude turpentine, 86 bbls.

"Education in the South."

The passenger department of the Seaboard Air Line has issued a very neat little booklet entitled "Education in the South," and giving a list, with appropriate illustrations and descriptions of the leading schools, colleges and universities along its route. In the account given of the Wilmington schools, the following occurs: The public school system of the city and county has been steadily pushed to a high standard, and every effort made to secure the best teachers and to make use of the best methods of teaching. The attendance has largely increased, and has been met with prompt extension of proper facilities.

Officers Elected by St. John's Lodge.

At the regular meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. Masons, held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year and will be installed on the 27th inst., viz:

W. M.—F. H Fechtig.
S. W.—R. W. Price.
J. W.—J. H. Davis.
Treasurer—B. H. Scott.
Secretary—W. M. Poisson.
Building Committee—E. S. Martin.

The appointive officers will be selected later and installed at the same time the elective officers are installed.

A Rainy Day Was Yesterday.

Yesterday was one of the dreariest days experienced in some time. There was nearly a two-inch fall of rain, according to the weather man's reckoning, and there were only a few short intervals during which rain was not falling. About nightfall, however, there was a change for the better. The clouds were driven out of sight by a strong wind and the temperature fell very perceptibly.

Rev. W. B. Oliver at the Baptist Tabernacle in Raleigh.

The *News and Observer* says: "Rev. W. B. Oliver, of Wilmington, preached two excellent sermons at the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday. In the evening his sermon was particularly fine. His subject was the ten commandments. Mr. Oliver has made many friends in Raleigh during his short stay here, and it is hoped he will visit this city again at no distant day."

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Company announce excursion rates for the Christmas holidays—four cents per mile one way for the round trip; tickets to be sold December 23d, 25d, 24 h and 25th; also December 30th, 31st, 1897, and January 1st, 1898, with extreme limit January 4th, 1898; continuous passage in each direction.

MRS. MARTHA J. SUTTON

Died at the Catholic Kennedy Home Yesterday Morning.

Mrs. Martha J. Sutton died at the Catherine Kennedy Home at half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning. She was taken with pneumonia about ten days ago. Deceased had been an inmate of the Home for seven or eight months. She had reached the advanced age of eighty years, and for fifty years of her life had been a consistent member of the Methodist church, first of Front street and then of Grace church.

Mrs. Sutton's maiden name was Mabson. She was first married to the late Mr. Alfred Laspeyre, this union being blessed with three children, Mr. Matthew Laspeyre, of Baltimore; and Mrs. A. J. Murray and Mrs. Elizabeth Petteway, of this city. Mrs. Satton's second husband was the late William Sutton.

The funeral will take place at 8 30 o'clock this afternoon from Grace M. E. church.

Magistrates' Courts.

Justice Fowler disposed of the following cases yesterday:

Wm. Bolden, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was committed to jail in default of a $50 bond for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

Jeff Hill, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was discharged.

Sophia Kelly, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was adjudged not guilty and the prosecution being deemed malicious the prosecutor, Cæsar McLaurin, colored, was taxed with the costs of the action and was committed to jail in default.

Before Justice Bornemann Katie Smith, colored, submitted to a charge of disorderly conduct and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Fraternal Mystic Circle.

Carolina Ruling No. 345, Fraternal Mystic Circle, in meeting assembled last night, elected the following officers, viz:

W. P. R.—Jas. W. Monroe.
W R.—Dr. S. Mendelsohn.
W. V. R.—Geo. K. West.
W. C.—J. H. Dreher.
W. T.—J. B. Mercer.
W. M.—M. Kerchbaum.
W. W.—W. D. Huhn.
W. G.—N. Paul.
W. S.—Benj. McD. Russell.
Medical Examiner—Dr. A. H. Harriss.
Trustees—Jas. W. Monroe, T. R. Post, and W. E Perdew.

W. J. Clemmons was appointed as Worthy Collector to the Supreme Ruling.

Memorial Service in Honor of the Late O. F. W. Heins.

Jefferson Lodge No. 61, Knights of Pythias, will hold at Castle Hall tonight, beginning at 8 30 o'clock, special memorial service in honor of their deceased brother, C. F. Will Heins, who died November 23rd. A special programme of music will be rendered by a male quartette, and it is expected that the services will be in every way appropriate to the occasion. Services of this kind are not usually held, but the ritual to be observed is laid down by the Grand Lodge, and it is probable that the Pythians will begin to use it more freely than they have been doing previously.

Benefit Paid by Woodmen of the World.

Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, of this city, through their clerk, ex-Mayor Jno. J. Fowler, Monday afternoon paid to the widow of the late Geo. W. Carter, who died on the morning of the 7th of last month, the sum of $3 000. This amount is the first Live Oak Camp has been called upon to pay to a beneficiary since its institution in this city.

When a member of the Woodmen of the World dies the order always erects a monument to the deceased brother, and estimates have been called for by the Supreme Lodge for the erection of a monument over Mr. Carter.

Marriage to Take Place This Afternoon at St. James' Church.

This afternoon at 5 30 o'clock at St. James' Episcopal church Mr. William A. Dick and Miss Ellen W. Draper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. T. Draper, of this city, will be united in marriage. Mrs. S. N. Dick and Miss Sallie Dick, of Lumberton, mother and sister respectively of the groom elect, arrived in the city yesterday to attend the wedding.

Football Notes.

The O. A. N. and A. C. L. football teams were out again last night chasing the "pigskin," which resulted in fine practice for both elevens. The management of the two teams are busy arranging all details necessary for the playing of the promised Christmas day game, and every one can look forward to a good clean exhibition of what Walter Camp terms football.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always advance

THE SEABOARD ROANOKE DEAL.

[Greensboro Record]

It is hoped, however, in the deal, that General Manager Fry and the C. F officials generally will be retained. That they have been efficient and capable officers goes without saying. Much of the success of the company is due to their personal exertions. Not only does this apply to the higher officers, but to those occupying minor positions, such as agents, clerks, etc. Work has been the motto all along the line and work it has been.

— John Utley, the young white man who was struck over the eye with a board by Sam Smith, colored, one night last week, will probably lose his left eye.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Presentation of a Testimonial to Chief Haney of Atlanta by Members of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Assistant Chief H. P. Haney, of Atlanta, who has been in charge of the paid fire department since its institution, will return home this afternoon. Last evening while Chief Haney, Chief Schnibben and several friends were sitting around the fire in the comfortable hall of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, together with the members of the company, chatting and "swapping" tales of adventure, Foreman W. P. Monroe stepped to the front and in a graceful manner addressed Chief Haney thus:

Brother Haney, I have a pleasant duty to perform this evening that within itself gives me an unbounded pleasure. I have been delegated by the members of this company, of which I have the honor to lead, to present you this shaving outfit as a slight token of our high appreciation of you as a firemen. We hope the pleasure of receiving it will be equal that of giving. We trust the day is not far distant when you will honor us with another visit, and we will give you a fireman's welcome and meet you at the gate.

Chief Haney accepted the gift and tersely expressed his appreciation. He spoke of how he had been received in Wilmington and how he had enjoyed his stay, and then continuing he spoke about the duties of a fireman and what to expect by following such a vocation.

The shaving set is quite handsome and is enclosed in a neat leather case. Upon the cup appears the following inscription: "Presented to H. P. Haney by H. & L. Company No. 1, W. F. D., 1897."

The token of esteem was alone the gift of the hook and ladder boys, who are as follows:

Messrs. W. P. Monroe, Joe Hewitt, Wm. Hancammon, H. L. Peterson, H. Maultsby, J. Wannamaker and Henry Kidd.

Chief Haney during his stay here has made many friends, all of whom regret his departure. He arrived in the city the 26th of last month and at once set to work instructing the paid fire department here in the proper way and drilling the firemen. His every effort met with success, and plainly illustrated his high efficiency as a fireman. Under his instructions and personal supervision many useful improvements have been made to the different engine houses, while the firemen speak of him in terms of praise.

LEARNED WELL HIS LESSON.

Chief Schnibben's Stay in Atlanta—What He Thought of the City and Its Fire Department.

[Atlanta Constitution]

Chief Charles Schnibben, of the Wilmington, N. C., fire department, left Atlanta yesterday, after a stay of ten days, during which time he observed the workings of the Atlanta fire department and obtained some practical experience in fighting a fire with a paid department.

Chief Schnibben was recently appointed chief of the new fire department of Wilmington and since the council of that city has decided to establish a department on the plan of Chief Joyner's, he came here to watch Chief Joyner's men work. He was instructed in the use of the new apparatus and is of the opinion that his visit here was of great value to him.

Chief Schnibben is greatly pleased with Atlanta and especially with the fire department. The firemen took him in hand and showed him all the points of interest about the city. It was his first visit here and he was greatly impressed with the size and importance of Atlanta.

"I had heard a great deal about Atlanta," said Chief Schnibben, in speaking of his visit here, "but I never for a moment supposed that it was as large as it really is. You Atlantians have a reputation for advertising your city and I supposed the reports I heard of it were greatly exaggerated. My surprise was a pleasant one, however, and I find the city to be one of the busiest, as well as one of the prettiest, I have ever visited. I never supposed there were nearly so many tall buildings and was surprised to see them looming up on all sides. Atlanta well deserves the name she has made for herself as being the Gate City of the South.

"I don't know when I have been thrown in contact with a more clever set of men than the members of the Atlanta fire department. They have taken particular pains to make my stay here a pleasant one and have well succeeded. I admire the workings of the fire department, and don't believe there is a better one in the United States. The men keep perfectly cool while at work and they pull together in a manner at once pleasing as well as surprising. I have gained some valuable points while working with the department, and am under many obligations to Chief Joyner for the manner in which he has explained the workings of his department to me."

BICYCLES AS BAGGAGE.

They Are Carried as Such on 68,000 Miles of Railroads.

[N. Y. World.]

Bicycles are now carried as baggage without extra charge on American railroad lines aggregating over 68,000 miles in length, an increase of about 30,000 miles since last February. Coast line and river steamers and ferries having a combined length of route of 186 000 miles are also carrying bicycles the same as other forms of baggage and without extra charge.

The principal coast line steamers on both the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts are included in this list, and all the big trans-Pacific lines to China, Japan and Australia are in line with the same policy. In France all railroads carry bicycles as ordinary baggage, and the increase of receipts within the last year, due to wheelmen's patronage, has been very substantial.

The same effect is noted in this country, as shown in the case of the Long Island Railroad Company, which last year carried about 30,000 cyclist passengers and this year about 150,000, each paying a full first class fare.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

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Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

J. F. Mewborne to be Superintendent of the Penitentiary—Jno. R. Smith Commissioner of Agriculture—Cattle Affected With Tuberculosis.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 14.—John R. Smith has resigned as Superintendent of the Penitentiary and been elected by the Board of Agriculture Commissioner of Agriculture, to succeed J. F. Mewborne. The Governor will at once appoint Mewborne Superintendent of the Penitentiary. The appointment is effective January first.

Governor Russell had the Board to come to his office this evening, and springing the scheme, had no trouble in rushing it through. He stated that Smith was incompetent for Superintendent of the Penitentiary. The Governor has had Smith's resignation several days. The Commissioner of Agriculture is elected subject to the continued approval of the Board. It is believed that Smith will be shelved in a few months. He gets five hundred dollars less salary.

The A. and M. College herd of cattle is affected with tuberculosis. Eight fine cattle have been killed.

DIED.

SUTTON—At the Catherine Kennedy Home, on the morning of the 14th inst., Mrs MARTHA J. SUTTON, in the eighty-sixth year of her age.

Funeral services at Grace M. E. Church at 8,30 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. O'Connor,

REAL ESTATE AGENT, Wilmington, N. C. Stores, Offices and Dwellings for rent. Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, taxes and insurance attended to promptly. Money loaned on improved city real estate. de 15 tf

Christmas Tinware.

JUST RECEIVED A NICE LINE OF CAKE Boxes, Spice Boxes, Turkey Roasters, etc., which will be sold very low. Until January 10th, 1898, I will sell any Cook Stove in stock at cost for cash. "Banner Lamps to burn."

de 14 tf JAS. H. TAYLOR, Jr.

Hamme, The Hatter,

THE OLD RELIABLE. IN THE LEAD with Hats, Caps and Umbrellas. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices. Don't forget him.

dec 5 tf 26 North Front Street.

At the Unlucky Corner

PLENTY OF FAT

Turkeys and Celery.

CUT PRICES THIS WEEK ON

Pure Leaf Lard.

S. W. SANDERS.

de 15 tf

FOR RENT.

TWO HOUSES ON SIXTH BETween Dock and Orange. Modern improvements.

House on Dock between Seventh and Eighth Sts. House on Sixth between Market and Princess streets. Modern improvements.
House on Princess between Ninth and Tenth streets.
House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Nun streets.
Apply to D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent.

de 15 tf

BUY A TURKEY NOW

AND AVOID THE RUSH.

9 and 11c Per Pound

if you take one right quick.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,

B. F. KING, Manager,

Bell Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.
de 14 tf

PIANOS.

We are ready for Christmas with the most varied and

Complete Stock of Pianos

ever exhibited in the city. Every Instrument has been

Carefully Selected

and the prices are in reach of all.

E. VAN LAER,

402 North Fourth street.

Open evenings. de 15 tf

Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R

ON AND AFTER SEPT. 27th TRAINS WILL run as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington at 2.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m
Leave Ocean View at 5.00 a. m., and 8.00 p. m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

Leave Wilmington at 2.30 p. m. and 6.00 p. m.
Leave Ocean View at 5.00 p. m.

R. OSCAR GRANT, Superintendent.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Finest Seed Oats

handled in years.

Flour, Bacon, Sugar,

Lard, Molasses,

MEAL, SALT, LIME, CEMENT,

Plaster, Hay, Corn, Hoop Iron,

OATS, RIVETS, GLUE,

Bagging and Ties

AT Low Prices.

no 7 tf Wilmington, N. C.

A CARD.

NOVEMBER 2ND, 1897.

MESSRS. MERCER & EVANS, City.

GENTS:—I am more than pleased with the Nice Watch given me by your enterprising firm. I find it to be an excellent time keeper. Besides being well pleased with your nice and valuable present, I am well satisfied with the SHOES I have bought from you for myself and friends, and I cheerfully recommend you to my friends and the public in general, especially to those needing and intending to buy anything in your line.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) W. J. MERRIDITH.

On Monday, January 31, 1898 we will open the box and count up. The person having brought us the greatest amount of trade in dollars and cents, will have the first choice of the THREE NICE PRESENTS (a real Leather Dressing Case, 24x18½ inches; a Fine Pair of Opera Glasses, and a Nice Gold-plated Watch), the next highest the next choice, and the third will get "Hobson's Choice."

OUR STOCK, we assert, is now the Newest, Cleanest and Best we ever had. Our trade is good and we thank our friends. Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS.

dec 10 tf

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MUTUAL CO-OPERATION.

There have been a good many meetings held in the South during the past several years to discuss the question of co operation, so as to regulate somewhat the output of cotton, and insure better prices. These meetings have been attended by representative planters and by others who were pretty well posted on the cotton question, and at about all of them resolutions were adopted telling the planters what they should do, and how they should do it, but if they have ever resulted in any substantial benefit to the growers of cotton, the public is not aware of it. Yet these conventions have not been entire failures. for they have drawn attention to the fact that *something* must be done, and if the conventions continue to be held and the agitation is kept up, perhaps something will be done before the final terrestrial collapse comes and the earth goes out of business.

But in addition to the conventions that have been held and the resolutions adopted various shemes have been proposed to put up the price of cotton and help the planters to hold it until the prices suited. Some of these were perhaps practicable, while others were so gigantic in their proportions that nobody would undertake to put them in motion. A few years ago warehouses were established at some points under the auspices of the Farmers' Alliance, and they were reported as doing well and meeting with success, but we don't hear anything about them now, and conclude that when the Alliance embarked in politics the warehouses closed up and went out of business. But a system like that is possible if there were business management and sensible co operation, no politics in it, and no one trying to run it for politics.

As usual, the effort is being made this year to secure co-operation and a reduction of acreage for the next crop, which will probably result, as all the previous efforts have, in some resolutions, some of which will be germane and others not, with the usual amount of cotton planted, the usual surplus, and more low prices, unless the planters have learned a lesson that would make them reduce their acreage, conventions or no conventions.

We say that it is good, however, to keep up the agitation, because that keeps people thinking and discussing, brings out new suggestions and plans, some of which or a combination which might have something tangible and practicable in them. The latest suggestion in the way of co-operation, and as far as we know an original one, is contained in the following addressed to the Charlotte *News*:

PIONEER MILLS, N. C., December 9—My plan to remedy the low price of cotton is this: To change the time of paying our debts from October, November and December, 1898, to June, July and August, 1899, which is the end of the manufacturers' year. By this change the South would have a monopoly on her own product, cotton, which the world is bound to have. The world is bound to have this cotton, there is no doubt about that, and under this system the law of supply and demand would rule and fix the price, and not gamblers of Wall Street and Liverpool, as now they do. It would be the manufacturer and the farmer that would fix the price. For instance, the planter could rent a large sample room in every city and town and as he had his cotton ginned he could take his samples to these sample rooms with name and number of sample, and the manufacturer could go to this sample room and select the grade and number of bales he wanted and the price he could afford to pay, and the agent at this room could let the planter know, and he could deliver the same as wanted.

"Now, Mr. Editor, this is a Southern movement for self-protection. If we of the South do not organize and protect our products and our industries, I will insure you that England, nor our own New England and Northern States will not, for their interest is in getting cotton as cheap as they can. If we of the South will organize and protect ourselves, instead of going wild over politice, we could become one of the richest parts of the globe, but it will take a co-operation of the farmers, manufacturers, merchants and planters, all to meet together and discuss this or some other plans for self protection.

"There are many details to be discussed through the press or at a mass meeting of the people, if they see fit to call a meeting. I would say there is need of a meeting of this kind, for one reason there seems to be not a very good feeling between the town and country, which will grow wider as long as hard times exist. S. S. McWHIRTER."

We do not know the writer of this, but we take it he is interested in the milling business, and is evidently a man of good sense. His suggestion is, as we have remarked, original as far as we know, and the only question being, as far as changing the time of cancelling obligations, is it practicable? If the planter could make the change on his own motion simply it would be easy enough, and it would not be difficult to persuade him to make the change, but to be effective such change would be necessary not only in one cotton district, or one State, but in all the cotton growing States, for there would be nothing gained by the planters who held their cotton, while other planters rushed theirs in and stocked the market. But it would be a good scheme if practicable, for it would relieve the cotton growers from the necessity of rushing their cotton to market early in the season to get money to discharge obligations which mature with the maturing of the crop, and would give them the whole cotton working year to market their crop, to make prices and take advantage of the rises that might come at times, which very few of them are able to do now. It might be no difficult matter to work a scheme like this on a small scale, in a limited territory, but when applied to as large an area as the cotton belt it is a pretty large sized undertaking, especially as it requires the co-operation not only of the cotton growers themselves, but of the thousands of persons having business connections with them, direct and indirect.

It is not an indefinite postponement of obligation cancelling and debt paying; it is simply changing the date, and after the start it would be six one way and half dozen the other with the persons to whom the debts were due, while it would be decidedly advantageous to the debtor. The scheme is worth talking about and worth agitating, for no scheme however simple it may be, will come into practical operation at once. Any of them will take time, and a great deal of time, too. It takes us a good while in the South, especially in the rural districts, to catch onto co-operative movements. If we were quicker at that and caught on to the object lessons furnished by some other sections and countries, we would not now be discussing plans for protecting cotton so that the grower might contine to grow it and live, or keep out of the poorhouse.

MINOR MENTION.

Some of the independent papers of the North, which have no party to hurt, are saying a good deal about the pension abuses, but are not making much headway in abating them. In this work they have the co-operation of some old soldiers who have an idea that the pension roll should be "a roll of honor," and not "a roll of shame." One of these is Gen. Boynton, the Washington newspaper correspondent, who for several years has been attacking these abuses from a soldier's standpoint. The New York *Sun*, which began the war on these abuses before it became a Republican paper, still keeps it up. It recently published a letter from Gen. Boynton in which he presented figures showing what the pensions cost compared with other expenditures of the Government, thus:

Legislative	$ 7,718 000
Executive proper	200,000
State	2,169,000
Treasury	33,260 000
War	59 978 000
Navy	33,554 000
Postoffice	989,000
Interior except pensions	15,012,000
Agriculture	3,188 000
Justice	6,126 000
Labor	174 000
Pensions	141,264,000
Total	$302,565 000
Total without pensions	161,321,000
Pensions next year	150,000,000

In commenting on these figures Gen. Boynton says:

"If the pension lists could be printed, every community in the land would be disgusted with its revelations. Wealthy men in large numbers would be found upon it. Thousands would be revealed whose disabilities were only temporary, and so long since disappeared. A small army of men would be discovered to whom their pensions are in no sense a necessity. While this state of facts would appear, it should not be forgotton that there are men in good circumstances, and many in public positions of honor and emolument, whose disabilities and persistent wounds are of a character for which no pension which the law provides can even approximately compensate. At every step they have found themselves handicapped in the battle of life. For such, and for all of every rank and position, through the various grades of disabilities, a pension is not only as fully proportioned to the needs and deserts of the case as the Government can afford, but it is also a badge of honor. To those who are not thus incapacitated for full effort in the struggles of life, and who do not need it because of the comfortable life which they can command without it, a pension should be a badge of shame."

A few years ago there was an organization of old soldiers the object of which was to fight these abuses, to keep deadbeats, bummers, &c., off the pension lists, to purge it. Some purging was done, but thousands of the names struck off were reinstated, and we suppose the soldiers' organization gave up the job in despair and disgust, but they have been so quiet that nothing has been heard of them for some time. There is too much politics in pensions, and that is why reforming abuses is such an up-hill work.

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There is a bill pending before the Georgia Legislature which proposes to tax life insurance policies, the professed object being to keep at home the large amount of money that annually goes out of the State to Northern and foreign insurance companies. To cover the ground completely however, the gentleman who introduced that bill should have made it cover fire insurance as well as life insurance; but perhaps they have fire insurance companies in Georgia, and no life insurance companies, which may account for omission. The framer of this bill, is level-headed in his desire to keep Georgia's money at home, but he isn't going about it in the right way, for until there are life insurance companies in Georgia, this bill is simply a blow at life insurance, and life insurance when planted in the right kind of companies is a good thing, a good investment for the person who is able to carry it. What we in the South need is not laws to hamper insurance, but something to encourage the establishment of home companies, for both fire and life, and thus keep at home the money that goes out and at the same time encourage our people to do more insurance. Georgia is a State that has several large and apparently prosperous cities, and it seems that it should not be difficult to organize in some of these responsible life insurance companies in which the people would have confidence. This would be much better than tabooing outside companies and practically prohibiting insurance.

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The news from Cuba is becoming quite interesting, but as most of this is sent with a view to the influence it may have on Congress, either to hurry up action in favor of the Cubans or to stave it off, it must be taken with a great deal of allowance. Just at this time the Spaniards seem to be overdoing the business in killing and capturing insurgent commanders, and in receiving the unconditional surrender and co-operation of others, while the Cubans seem to be making it warm for the Spaniards in spite of these captures and surrenders. It may be incidentally remarked, too, that the Cubans are hanging entirely too many "peace commissioners," or corralling them so that they can't get back to report if so inclined. It will be well, therefore, to take the Cuban news with due allowance for the exaggerations of the dispatch builder and type writer, and in the meantime it might be well to keep an eye on Spain, where Gen. Weyler and his friends are performing in a role which may give Gen. Blanco and the Government more trouble than the insurgents are giving them.

Mr. Cox, postmaster of Sheldon, Ohio, is in a predicament, with one office more than he wants. He has been elected to the Legislature as a Democrat, but according to the laws of that State can't take his seat, until he ceases to be postmaster. He has tendered his resignation, but it hasn't been accepted, and there is no hurry to accept it until it is ascertained how Mark Hanna's chances are for election. A Democrat out of the Legislature, and in a postoffice, might not give Mark nearly as much trouble as a Democrat in the Legislature, the way that body is now constituted.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— There is a trifle to much of gush over "voluntary advance of wages." Does the average republican editor believe that it is a great exploitation of virtue, by an employer, when he advances the wages of his help, without their forcing him to it? It seems so.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

—— Chairman Dingly has at length leaked the date on which the Treasury's embarrassment of riches is to set in, he having confined under pressure, the important fact to the House on Friday last that the tariff deficit will be ended by May. With Prosperity up to date and Plenty just a few months ahead, what more could be reasonably asked.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— The *Journal* yesterday made known the astounding fact that when President McKinley wrote his message he had in his possession a consular report showing that 600,000 Cubans—one third of the population of the island—had perished through Spanish barbarities in nine months. Let the senate demand the production of that document.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

——Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, is engaged in trying to secure pensions for sweet-scented specimens in his state, who claim to have first served in the Confederate army and then deserted to the Union Army. If the United States really decides to pay a life premium to traitors, it will be a good place to move away from Senator Pritchard should hide his head in a sack because he had such constituents have such a senator.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Hewitt—"Why didn't you laugh at that joke when I told it?"

Jewitt—"I don't believe in laughing at an old friend."—*Truth.*

— Temporary Peace—"Was it a quiet wedding?"

"Of course. You didn't expect they would quarrel right before the preacher, did you?"

— A Long Head—"Why does that hard drinking Beasley wear his hat all the time?"

"For fear he can't get it on if he takes it off."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Spogs—"Was it not disgraceful the way in which Smiggs snored in church to day?"

Stuggs—"I should think it was. Why, he woke us all up."—*Tit Bits.*

— Somewhat Stale: Simkids—Your friend Blowell is rather fond of ventilating his opinions, isn't he?

Timkins—Yes; and goodness knows the most of them need ventilation.

— He—"Why is it that men can keep secrets better than women?"

She—"Because men generally know a lot of things which they wouldn't want told on themselves."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— Magistrate—"The gamekeeper declares that he saw you take this pheasant. What have you to say to that?"

Prisoner—"I only took it for a lark."

Magistrate—"Six months for making such an ornithological error."—*Tid Bits*

— Wasn't Bliss—"What I know about riding a wheel," said the scorcher, "would fill a book." "Yes," said the policeman who had gathered him in, "and what you don't know would soon fill a morgue."—*Chicago News.*

— Before the Scrap—Hooley—"Did you hear about Casey quittin' wor-rk at noon yesterday?"

Dooley—"Oi did not. Phwot med 'im?"

Hooley—"Shure it wor th' twelve o'clock whistle."—*Judge.*

— Her Father—"Young man, can you afford to marry?"

Prospective Son-in-Law—"Certainly. I have a friend who has just been ordained as a minister, and he is willing to perform the ceremony for nothing just for practice."—*New York Weekly.*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Concord *Times*: It is reported that Albemarle will have another cotton mill soon, and that the capacity of the one now in operation there will be doubled within a few months.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The negro boy Sam Wellons, who was caught stealing the mail of Messrs. H. Weil & Bros. from their box in the postoffice, was tried for that offence before the Federal Court in Raleigh, on Saturday, and sentenced to twelve months in the Reformatory at Richmond.

— Lenoir *Topic*: Mr. Jno. W. Coffey writes us from Kelsey, N. C., that old uncle Harrison Aldridge, aged 75 years, caught a bear on the Grandfather one day last week. This makes 100 which have been caught by Mr. Aldridge in his life, and recently he had expressed himself as ready to die whenever he could catch 100.

— Roxboro *Courier*: Deputy Marshal John L. Noell carried down five prisoners to the Federal Court Monday night, four for blockading and one for tampering with Uncle Sam's mail matter. John Bows, the "gentleman" who thought that we had not treated him right in failing to give him a notice when he was put in jail, was perfectly delighted over the prospects of a trip to Albany.

— Enfield *Enterprise*: Some time last Summer J. A. Meader, postmaster at Poplar Mount, N. C., sent to Harrell's printing house and had printed 5,000 circulars to the effect that he would give a 14-karat gold watch to every postmaster who would furnish him 25 names of different people, the names to be accompanied with one dollar in cash. These circulars he mailed to postmasters in various States. Registered letters poured in and in a short time he had taken in some several hundred dollars. Those sending the money and names getting nothing in return began to investigate the matter, which led to the exposure of the fraud for which Meader was subsequently arrested. Meader was tried by the Federal Court at Raleigh, found guilty of fraud and of using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. He was fined $200 and sentenced to 18 months in prison. Not being able to pay the fine, the sentence was doubled, making his term of imprisonment three years.

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The biggest boys' military band ever organized is now being formed in Chicago. There will be 55 young musicians in this great band, and every one of them is under 18 years of age. They will be under skilled leadership, and before many weeks have passed they will be famous throughout the civilized world.

This organization originated with the Chicago officers of the United Boys' Brigade of America, and its success seems assured. Unless present plans fail, the organization will make its first public appearance in the Memorial day parade.

"Headquarters' Band, United Boys' Brigade of America," is the official name of the band, and Professor Alois Winkler is the leader. Professor Winkler organized in 1887 the famous juvenile band of Kansas City. He was recently induced to go to Chicago to assume charge of the new organization. Though

PROFESSOR AND MAX WINKLER.

organized in this country but a few years ago, the Boys' brigade has now enrolled more than 1,000 companies and a membership exceeding 50,000 boys and young men. Chicago has six full regiments of 60 companies, and it is from these that the members of the Headquarters' band have been drafted.

The following list shows the instruments which will compose the band, and it is safe to say that no difficulty will be found in finding a boy willing to play on the last instrument on the list:

Piccolos	2	Trombones	4
Flutes	2	Baritones	2
E flat clarinets	2	B flat tubas	3
B flat clarinets	12	E flat tubas	3
B flat cornets	12	Snare drums	2
Alto horns	6	Bass drum	1
Tenor horns	4		

Max Winkler, the 12-year-old son of Professor Winkler, will be the leading cornet soloist. The lad is an artist of splendid ability. It need not be supposed that the Boys' band will play on boys' instruments. The 55 instruments purchased are of the standard size, and in the hands of the boys can be depended on to make fully the standard amount of noise.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Fixing a Price.

"What's that job worth?" they asked the contractor.

"Well," he said slowly, "that depends a good deal upon circumstances. If it was ordered by an individual, I should think that $100 would be about the limit, but if done for the city or county I shouldn't think of charging a bit less than $850, with a clause in the contract permitting me to make an additional charge for extras."—Chicago Post.

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Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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"She is beautiful."

"Pshaw, Clarence, you did not see her. She is quite ordinary looking."

"I saw her full in the face, and such eyes I never saw before in my life. But you have not yet told me who she is."

"Well, then, most fastidious of bachelors, know that the paragon you just met was none other than Adele Graham, my dressmaker."

"Adele Graham," repeated Clarence Hope thoughtfully. "I have heard that name before surely," he added. "She is not the daughter of John Graham, who, when I visited Clinton years ago, was a wealthy banker?"

"The same. Then Adele was a mere child. When she was 16, her father became a bankrupt and soon after died. Mrs. Graham struggled along for some time, and so Adele went to the city and learned the dressmaker's trade and returned here about a year ago and opened an establishment of her own. Of course all her old friends patronize her and treat her kindly, but you know it would be impossible to receive her. And thus ends your romance."

Clarence Hope was a bachelor—a tall, handsome man of about 30. He had just returned from a European tour, and being decidedly wealthy was considered a "great catch." He had come to Clinton to visit his mother's only sister, Mrs. May, a widow, the mother of Nellie May, one of the prettiest and vainest girls in Clinton.

Nellie was more annoyed than she was willing to admit to think that her handsome cousin, of whom she had so often spoken in terms of the highest commendation to the members of "her set," should be attracted by poor Adele Graham, the dressmaker.

Clarence paced up and down the porch for half an hour or more, puffing away on his cigar.

"Clarence, come here," called Nellie from the library.

Clarence threw away his cigar and entered the library. Nellie sat before her writing table, holding in her hand a bit of paper, on which was written a long list of names.

"There, now, I have completed the list, and I want you to write me the invitations for my party."

"Read me the list."

Nellie read over the names of 50 of her "dear friends."

"I did not hear the name of Adele Graham. Do you not intend to invite her?"

"By no means. What would Hattie Arnold and Julia Gill say to see Adele Graham, our dressmaker, at a party of mine? Indeed this idea is too ridiculous for anything."

"Very well, just as you please, but if the daughter of my old friend, John Graham, is not invited I must also decline the honor of being present."

Nellie bit her lip with vexation. It would never do to fail of having Cousin Clarence present, for she was giving the party solely to introduce him to the society of Clinton, and yet how in the world could she ever brook the mortification of having Adele Graham, the seamstress, there? She knew there would be no use in arguing the matter with her cousin. He was determined and would not give up, so she had to yield.

The evening of the party at length arrived. Adele was at first reluctant to come. She could not understand why she was invited to this party after being neglected so many years, but her mother urged her so strongly to accept that she brought out from its hiding place in the closet her old white dress and spent several hours in fitting and doing it up to wear. When she had put the last touches to her toilet, Mrs. Graham said:

"You never looked better, Adele."

Nellie May was radiant in a perfect cloud of rose colored tarlatan, and by her side stood Clarence Hope, to whom she introduced her guests as she received them.

An hour passed by, and all the invited guests had arrived. Many a glance of surprise was cast upon Adele Graham as she moved gracefully through the rooms.

Julia Gill, a haughty, imperious beauty, the daughter of a retired pork merchant, rushed up to Nellie, exclaiming:

"Why, Nell, what in the world possessed you to invite Adele Graham? You know she is not in society."

"I know it," replied Nellie, blushing, "but my cousin insisted upon it because her father happened to be known to him years ago."

"I'll put a flea in his ear," said the haughty beauty, tossing her head with well affected grace.

Adele Graham, as she hung upon the arm of Clarence Hope and promenaded through the spacious parlors, was a pretty picture of innocence and enjoyment, and Clarence brought into requisition all his fund of entertaining conversation. Many an envious glance was bestowed upon Adele and many an unkind epithet more than whispered as the evening passed by.

That evening when he bade Adele goodby at her mother's door he said:

"Miss Graham, I am about to claim the privilege of calling to see you during my stay in Clinton. Your father was an esteemed friend of mine, and his daughter and widow must be the same."

"I am sure my mother will be happy to welcome you," replied Adele.

It was some hours before Adele retired, for she had so much to tell her mother before she could close her eyes in sleep. And very attentively Mrs. Graham listened to the recital of the evening's pleasures.

When Clarence returned to his aunt's, he found Cousin Nellie in a fit of the pouts.

"What's the matter here?" he said as he flung himself into an easy chair.

"Matter enough, I should think. The party has been an utter failure. You have spoiled everything by your exclusive attentions to that dressmaker. Then all the girls came out in new dresses and did their best to attract your attention and draw from you one approving smile, but you were blind to every one and everything but Adele Graham."

"And why not? What do I care for a set of chattering fools like Julia Gill and her followers? I tell you, Nellie, Adele Graham has more sense than the whole of them put together."

So saying, he arose and left the room, and Nellie burst into tears. To think that he, the cousin of whom she was so proud and of whom she had boasted so much, should call her dear friends "a set of chattering fools." It was too much.

At length Adele gave up work. She was too busy, she said, to accommodate her old customers, and then they were satisfied that their conjectures were true. Nor were they wrong. Three months after Nellie May's party Clarence Hope and Adele Graham were married, and after a rather extended wedding tour they returned to Clinton and took up their abode in the stately mansion that had been the home of Adele before her father's failure and death.—Exchange.

What He Meant.

He had proposed and been rejected. "Very well," he said coldly, "there will come a time when your treatment of me will be regretted."

"I shall never regret it," she replied.

"Oh, I don't mean you," he murmured hoarsely. "I refer to the man you finally accept."—Philadelphia North American.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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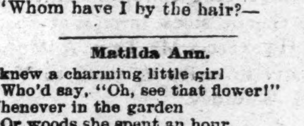

—"Whom have I by the hair?—

Matilda Ann.

I knew a charming little girl
  Who'd say, "Oh, see that flower!"
Whenever in the garden
  Or woods she spent an hour.
And sometimes she would listen
  And say, "Oh, hear that bird!"
Whenever in the forest
  Its clear, sweet note she heard.

But then I knew another—
  Much wiser, don't you think?—
Who never called the bird a "bird,"
  But said the "bobolink"
Or "oriole" or "robin"
  Or "wren," as it might be.
She called them all by their first names,
  So intimate was she.

And in the woods or garden
  She never picked "a flower,"
But "anemones," "hepaticas"
  Or "crocus" by the hour.
Both little girls loved birds and flowers,
  But one love was the best.
I need not point the moral;
  I'm sure you see the rest.

For would it not be very queer
  If when, perhaps, you came,
Your parents had not thought worth while
  To give you any name?
I think you would be quite upset
  And feel your brain a-whirl,
If you were not "Matilda Ann,"
  But just "a little girl."
—Alice W. Rollins in Independent.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		6¾
Standard		7⅜
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℘ ℔	12	14
Sides ℘ ℔	6	7½
Shoulders ℘ ℔	6	7½
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℘ ℔	5	5¼
Shoulders ℘ ℔		5¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00	1 10
New New York, each		1 30
New City, each		1 20
BEESWAX ℘ ℔		22
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℘ M	5 00	7 00
Northern	9 00	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℘ ℔	15	18
Northern	18	25
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	45
Virginia Meal	41	45
COTTON TIES—℘ bundle		85
CANDLES—℘ ℔—		
Sperm	18	25
Adamantine	8	10
CHEESE—℘ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10	11
Dairy, Cream		11
State	10½	12
COFFEE—℘ ℔—		
Laguyra	20	
Rio	8	12
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℘ yard		5¼
Yarns, ℘ bunch	18	20
EGGS—℘ dozen		17
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ barrel	22 00	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ half-barrel	11 00	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ barrel	16 00	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ half-barrel	8 00	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℘ barrel	13 00	14 00
Mullets, ℘ barrel	3 75	4 00
Mullets, ℘ pork barrel		7 00
N C Roe Herring, ℘ keg	3 00	3 25
Dry Cod, ℘ ℔	5	10
" Extra	3 35	3 50
FLOUR—℘ barrel—		
Low grade		3 75
Choice		4 75
Straight		5 00
First Patent	5 25	6 00
GLUE—℘ ℔	7½	8½
GRAIN—℘ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White		45
Car load, in bags—White		44
Oats, from store		33½
Oats, Rust Proof		40
Cow Peas		56
HIDES, ℘ ℔—		
Green		6
Dry		8
HAY, ℘ 100 ℔s—		
Clover Hay	80	85
Rice Straw		50
Eastern		90
Western		85
North River		75
HOOP IRON, ℘ ℔	1¾	2
LARD, ℘ ℔—		
Northern	5½	6
North Carolina	6	10
LIME, ℘ barrel	1 15	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℘ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	15 00
MOLASSES, ℘ gallon—		
Barbados, in hhds		26
" " in bbls		28
Porto Rico, in hhds		26
" in bbls		28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	14
" in bbls	14	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	15
NAILS, ℘ keg, Cut, 60d basis		1 50
PORK, ℘ barrel—		
City Mess		9 50
Rump		9 25
Prime		9 25
ROPE, ℘ ℔	10	22
SALT, ℘ sack Alum		1 10
Liverpool		80
Lisbon		
American	40	80
On 125 ℔ Sacks		40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℘ M	5 00	6 50
Common	1 60	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	3 50
SUGAR, ℘ ℔—Standard Granu'd		5¼
Standard A		5⅛
White Ex. C		4⅞
Extra C, Golden		4⅝
C. Yellow		4⅜
SOAP, ℘ ℔—Northern	3½	4
STAVES, ℘ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		10 00
TIMBER, ℘ M feet—Shipping		9 00
Mill, Prime		7 00
Mill, Fair	5 50	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		
℘ M 6x24 heart	7 50	8 50
" Sap	5 00	6 00
5x20 Heart	4 50	5 00
" Sap	4 00	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	6 50
" Sap	5 00	5 50
TALLOW, ℘ ℔		6
WHISKEY, ℘ gallon—Northern	1 00	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	1 50
WOOL ℘ ℔—Unwashed		

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 30½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, 1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50; tar steady, $1 10; crude turpentine quiet, $1.40, 1.90, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	100
Rosin	333
Tar	228
Crude Turpentine	36

Receipts same day last year—44 casks spirits turpentine, 372 bbls rosin, 128 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16	cts ℘ ℔
Good Ordinary	4½	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅜	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6⅝c.

Receipts—1,010 bales; same day last year 1,311.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Evening.—Money on call firm at 2@2½ per cent, last loan — and closed offered at — per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 @4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485½@485⅝ for demand; 482½@482¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 483½@484 and 486½@487. Commercial bills 481½@482. Silver certificates 57⅜@58¼. Bar silver 57⅛. Mexican dollars 46. Government bonds easier; new fours, registered, 129½; new fours, coupon, 129½; fours, registered, 113, fours, coupon, 114½; twos, registered, 99½; fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 122½; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Rosin steady; Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 14.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 30c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30⅜; sales 664 casks; receipts 1,275 casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; receipts 8,153 barrels; quotations unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—The cotton market was exceptionally narrow and destitute of interesting features, opening quiet, with prices unchanged to one point lower, working within the unusually narrow range of three points and closing quiet, not unchanged to two points lower. A weak undertone prevailed for the most part of the session, as cables were disappointing, port receipts greater than estimated, Southern spot cotton markets without specially encouraging phases, and, above all, "outsiders" indifferent and procrastinating. Only comparatively low prices checked further selling for short account.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Evening.—Cotton quiet and steady; middling 5⅝c.

Cotton futures opened and closed quiet; sales 71,100 bales; January 5 70, February 5 74, March 5 78, April 5 83, May 5 87, June 5 91, July 5 95, August 6 00, September 5 99, October 6 01, December 5 69.

Spot cotton closed quiet and steady; middling uplands 5⅝c; middling gulf 6⅛c; sales 100 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,886 bales; gross 4,359 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,551 bales; to France 1,084 bales; to the Continent 3,558 bales; forwarded 2,407 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 700 bales; stock (actual) 91,527 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 73,825 bales; exports to Great Britain 18,694 bales; to France 12,038 bales; to the Continent 29,638 bales; stock 1,125,311 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 203,801 bales; exports to Great Britain 31,770 bales; to France 12,973 bales; to the Continent 76,972 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,656,086 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,456,453 bales; exports to France 423,842 bales; exports to the Continent 1,183,339 bales.

Dec. 14.—Galveston, steady at 5 7-16c, net receipts 8,394 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5½, net receipts 5,575 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 5⅞, net receipts 1,187 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 1,001 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6⅛, net receipts 371 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5 3-16, net receipts 12,844 bales; New Orleans, firm at 5½, net receipts 37,397 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5 3-16, net receipts 3,304 bales; Memphis, steady at 5½, net receipts 5,045 bales; Augusta, firm at 5½, net receipts 2,248 bales; Charleston, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 1,707 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Evening.—Flour dull and nominally lower; Minnesota patents $5 10@5 35; winter straights $4 50@4 60. Wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 98c f. o. b. afloat; options opened steady and advanced on a bullish Illinois State report, small Northwest receipts and steady English cables, but finally broke under weak French markets and bearish French crop estimates, closing ⅜@½c net lower; No. 2 red January closed 96½c; May closed 92¾c; December closed 96⅛c. Corn—spot quiet; No. 2 33⅜c f. o. b. afloat; options opened steady on continued wet and steady cables, but later eased off with wheat, closing unchanged to ⅛c net lower; May closed 33⅜c; December closed 31⅝c. Oats—spot quiet; No. 2 27½@27¾c; options inactive, but fairly steady all day, closing unchanged; February closed 27⅜c; May closed 27⅜c. Lard steady; Western steam $4 60; December $4 60, nominal; refined quiet; Continent $4 85; South American $5 25; compound 4@4½c. Pork dull. Butter quiet; Western creamery 15@23c; do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 23c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@22c. Cheese steady; large white September 8½@8⅝c; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum dull. Cotton seed oil quiet but steady; foreign trade is still hindered by near by freight room; prime crude 18@18½c. Rice steady. Coffee—spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No. 7 jobbing 7½c; mild quiet; Cordova 8½@15c; sales 900 bags Mexican. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3⅝c; centrifugal 96 test 4c; refined strong.

CHICAGO, December 14.—The uncertainties of the December dealings in wheat acted as a clog to-day upon the futures that otherwise would in all probability have made some response to a number of bullish items in the day's news. There were some legitimately bearish influences, such as heaviness and lower prices in continental markets that with the help of 2c further drop in December, helped to bear ½c of the day price, those in the decline being established at the close. Corn and oats were dull and closed at trifling declines. Provisions were stronger and advanced 2½@5c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Cash quotations: Flour—market easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring 88@88½c; No. 3 spring 80@90c; No. 2 red 97@98c. Corn—No. 2, 25½@25⅝c. Oats—No. 2, 22¼@22½c; No. 2 white f. o. b. 24c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 23@24½c. Rye—No. 2, 45¾c. Mess pork, per barrel, $7 45@7 50. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 35@4 40. Short rib sides, loose, $4 20@4 55. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 50@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 45@4 65. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 1 00, 1 03, 97⅛, 99½@98; January 93⅛, 93⅛, 92⅝, 92⅝c; May 90⅝@91, 91⅝, 90⅛, 90⅝c. Corn—December 25¼, 25⅜, 25⅛, 25⅛c; January 25⅜, 25⅞, 25⅝, 25⅝c; May 28⅝@28¾, 28¾, 28⅜@28⅝, 28⅝c. Oats—December 22, 22, 21⅞, 22c; May 22⅝, 22⅞, 22¼, 22¼. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 45; January $8 35, 8 40, 8 32½, 8 37½; May $8 57½, 8 62½, 8 57½, 8 60. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 25, January $4 37½, 4 42½, 4 37½, 4 40; May $4 52½, 4 57½, 4 52½, 4 57½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 25, 4 25, 4 25, 25; January $4 27½, 4 27½, 4 25, 4 25; May $4 37½, 4 40, 4 37½, 4 37½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and easy; spot and month 96¾@97c; January 97@97½c; May 98c bid; steamer No. 2 red 91¼@91½c; Southern wheat by sample 92@97½c; do on grade 92¼@97½c. Corn steady; spot 33@33⅛c; month 33¼@33⅜c; December, new or old, 33¼@33⅜c; January 31¾@32c; steamer mixed 30¾@30⅞c. Southern white corn 27½@33½c; do yellow 27½@33⅜c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 29½@30c; No. 2 mixed 27@27½c.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot quiet and prices unchanged. American middling 3 7-32d. Sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 9,700 American. Receipts 36,000 bales, of which 3,000 were American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed steady. American middling (l m c): December 3 9-64@3 10-64d seller; December and January 3 9-64@3 10-64d seller; January and February 3 10-64d seller; February and March 3 9-64@3 10-64d buyer; March and April 3 10-64@3 11-64d seller; April and May 3 11-64@3 12-64d value; May and June 3 12-64@3 13-64d buyer; June and July 3 14-64d seller; July and August 3 15-64d buyer; August and September 3 16-64d seller; September and October 3 17-64d seller; October and November 3 18-64d seller.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14, 1897.

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Bessie Brown, 220 tons, Smith, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.
May Thompson, 60 tons, Cahoon, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Silver Heels, 128 tons, Quinlan, Jas T Riley & Co.
St Thomas, 654 tons, Hammett, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.
Samuel W Hall, 306 tons, Mumford, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

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Hans (Swed), 680 tons, Ebbefson, Heide & Co.
Anitra (Nor), 547 tons, Simonsen, Paterson, Downing & Co.

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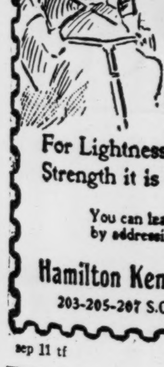

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For the happy harvest time,
To her village home I came.
I was but a schoolboy yet,
But a simple girl was she,
And she died in February,
Little Colinette.

Up and down a leafy chase
Hand in hand we used to run.
How I reveled in the fun!
How she panted with the race!
Finch and linnet when we met
Sang our loves that knew no wrong,
Made the burden of their song
Little Colinette.

Then at length we met to part,
Sat with darkening skies above,
Love (I knew it not for love)
Throbbing to my inmost heart.
Hiding all my soul's regret,
"Till another year," said I,
As I took her hand, "Goodby,
Little Colinette."

Oh, the story's very old,
Very common, that I tell.
Not the less will tears upwell
Whensoe'er the story's told.
Many a witching young coquette
Now I woo with poet's pen.
Once alone I've loved and then
Little Colinette.

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HER PENSION.

"I don't see no cause for an why you shouldn't hev a pension, Miss Penelope. There's a heap of persons makes out their vouchers ez hasn't nigh so much just claim ez you."

Miss Penelope—she always answered to that name, regardless of being the relict of Nathan Briggs and a widow of good standing—made no answer at first. She was occupied in casting on the heel of a stocking.

Marrying so late in life, no one in Canaan could get out of the habit of addressing her as Miss Penelope. So Miss Penelope she remained, both before and after marriage. She was a faded little old lady, with soft eyes and a pathetic droop to the corners of her mouth. These anxious curves were accentuated now as she dropped her knitting in her lap and glanced up a little deprecatingly.

"I hadn't thought on it," she commenced.

"Well, you jes' oughter," broke in her companion volubly. "It's a sin an a shame to let money go to waste as b'longs to you by good rights. Why, there's Seth Sawyer claimed he hed a gunshot in the knee, hed a doctor's certificate made out an all thet, but Farmer Jones sez he got it pilferin a hen roost. He was with him when he done it. Of course he can't come forward an testify, fur he'd be defamin of his own character. An Hannah Pratt—she thet wuz a Winslow—draws her stipend reg'lar, though every one knows Stephen Pratt never went inter the war tell 'twuz nigh on over an died in his bed at his allotted time. No one can say thet of your claim, Penelope. It's all open an aboveboard."

A tender smile wreathed Miss Penelope's lips as she lifted her eyes to the opposite wall, where a sword and knapsack were suspended.

"Yes; Nathan, he fit in three battles—Shiloh, Manassay and the Wilderness. He wuz took to the hospittle arter the last one, an thet's the only bit of information I could scrape up. Couldn't make out even where he wuz buried. Corporal Brent, he brought me them things back. Found 'em on the battlefield."

A tear stole down the wrinkled cheek.

"'Twuz a grievous loss, Sister Penelope. Thet's the way I look at it. You've give a life to your country, an now it owes you a recompensation."

Mrs. Brackett leaned back after this statement and looked at her friend as if defying her to deny the allegation.

The bereaved widow shifted uneasily under that steady gaze. The remarkable flow of language confused her.

"It never seemed zactly right," she ventured timidly. "Elder Little used to go on awful 'gainst insurance. 'Pears to me this is 'bout the same thing."

Elvira Brackett sniffed contemptuously.

"Sakes alive! The quicker you get thet notion out your head the better. You don't hear no sech talk nowadays in the pulpit. Times hev changed. Besides, you've got to look out fur yourself. Think of havin $10 a month, 'sides the arrears. Uncle Sam's a good purvider."

Miss Penelope made no rejoinder to this, but turned the heel of her stocking meditatively. Perhaps awe of Elvira Brackett restrained her from an open expression of her views, for Mrs. Brackett's mother was a Peterson. To have emanated from such a stock was a brand of nobility. One of the Petersons had borne the title of circuit judge. All had held offices of respectability.

Mrs. Brackett's sister's husband was a prosperous plumber. They lived in the city, and Elvira paid a yearly visit to her kinsfolk, returning from each trip in an elevated and instructive frame of mind. Elvira was a born manager, so now, when she leaned forward with an air of settled determination, Miss Penelope sank back in her chair with much the same sensation of a fly in a spider's web.

"It's all very well," Elvira went on in an emphatic tone of voice, "to be independent when you're young an spry an can look out for yourself, but now, with old age starin you in the face, it's a slightin of Providence, thet's what it be. We wuz talkin it over at the sewin circle last Wednesday. Hannah Jewett said she heard you hadn't been to meetin since last July 'cause you hadn't a decent pair of shoes to wear. Now, Miss Penelope, you know what the Bible says about hidin your talents in a napkin. Ef hevin a husband thet fit in three battles isn't a talent, I don't know what is."

Elvira's arguments were not exactly logical, but Miss Penelope had not the courage to refute them, and so she went on:

"I tell you now I hev an idea. July Ann has sent a pass fur me to come on an visit her. I can't get off, seein it's jes preservin time, but you might as well take it an go as far as Washington. July Ann's sister-in-law keeps a boardin house there, an she'll take you in. I'll write her to meet you, an she'll tell you how to go 'bout it. Thet's just the very thing. I'll find some one goin on from Northboro to put you in care of, an it'll give you a chance to see the capitil, too. It's a powerful pretty city, so they say. Now, I guess I've got you all fixed." And Elvira drew her shawl around her and prepared to take her departure.

"Don't you worry about your things or nothin. I'll be over an fix 'em up for you."

Miss Penelope sat motionless for a long time after her visitor had left her. The sun crept down behind the horizon line, and the stars lit their glimmering tapers one by one. A thread of moonlight stole through the parted curtains and glittered on the shining andirons. When she stumbled to her feet at last and began to prepare her simple meal, there was still a dazed expression on her face.

"Nigh on to 72 an goin to the capitil! I wonder what Nathan would say? Elviry seems to think it's my duty. She sed it wuz a slightin of Providence."

Even now, after Nathan had been dead 30 years, Miss Penelope found herself deferring to his opinion, as she had always tried to do while living. Not that she had ever followed his advice when given; it was simply a form of respect by which she strove to hide the consciousness that Nathan's judgment was not to be relied upon. Indeed, no one but Miss Penelope had much opinion of Nathan Briggs. To obtain a certificate of respectability in Canaan it was necessary to be familiar with one's family tree. Nathan had come there a stranger.

He had always been singularly reticent as to his ancestry, and although this had been a source of regret to Miss Penelope's pride she had been too loyal to question him.

All of her friends had openly rebelled when, in addition to her own responsibility of making both ends meet on a slender income, she had taken upon herself the care and maintenance of Nathan Briggs. Miss Penelope only smiled contentedly.

"I can't say as Nathan loves to work—no—but then, you see, I'm sech a driver myself thet I kin do 'nough for two. An I've heard tell how people oughter choose their opposites." For proof of which she would drop her needle and thread and run out to light the kitchen fire rather than disturb him from the perusal of the evening paper.

"He isn't a Canaanite; thet's it. 'Tain't fair to weigh him in the same scales," she would say to herself by way of excuse, when she was wondering how she would meet the grocer's bill while her husband sat with his feet on the porch railing, discussing the financial state of the country.

But when the war broke out, then Miss Penelope's heart thrilled with pride. Nathan's name had been drafted, and he could not very well secure a substitute, but she did not know that. She only realized that she was giving her all in defense of her country, and, like the Spartan mother, she rejoiced in the sacrifice. It had been her one consolation in her bereavement that Nathan had at last clothed his name with glory and shown himself to be a worthy citizen of Canaan.

No one disabused her mind of this belief in her soldier's bravery by intimating that her Nathan was generally in the rear guard. On the contrary, they endeavored to foster her loyalty by every means possible. Corporal Brent went over the old battle scenes again and again, and Miss Penelope's eyes would flash and turn toward the saber on the wall, while in imagination she saw her hero storming the barricade, climbing the ramparts and facing the fire of the enemy.

"She's the one thet oughter gone to the war an left Nathan home to wash the dishes," Corporal Brent would say, with a stamp of his wooden leg. "She got precious little satisfaction out of him when he wuz alive. I'm goin to give her all I kin now he's gone."

He was the first to come around and bid her godspeed on her journey.

"Ef you haven't got a claim ag'in the government, no one has, Widder Briggs. I'd hev seen thet you got your just dues long afore this, only I knew your sentiments on the subject. I'm glad you're takin a diffrunt view of the matter; I am so."

It was the same with all the neighbors, old and young. They took such an interest in her undertaking and seemed to look upon it with such pronounced approval that Miss Penelope had not the courage to intimate that her views had not undergone any remarkable change, but that she was being propelled to Washington by the indefatigable will power of Elvira Brackett. It was only when she was seated in the train in neatly mended apparel, surrounded by various bundles and packages—the donation of appreciative friends—that she realized she was now deprived of that sustaining prop and dependent on her own resources.

"Nigh on to 72 an startin fur the capitil! Whatever would Nathan say?" the dear old lady kept repeating to herself as she counted her bundles over and over, sitting bolt upright, the prey to many fears and misgivings.

These were somewhat dispelled when she reached the city and saw the genial face of the landlady nodding up at the car window.

"There! I knew you the first minute I set eyes on you," she said, taking the little old lady in her arms with true southern spontaneity. "July Ann described you all right. Pretty near tired to death, I suppose? Let me take the bundles. We'll get home as soon as we can, and then you shall have a good, long rest!

"It's quite a journey to take at your age, now, isn't it?" she continued when they were seated at last in the carriage. "But, then, it's worth the trouble if you get your pension, and I have no doubt that you will."

Every one she met seemed to be under the same impression. All the boarders concluded at once that the dear desire of her heart was to secure this monthly stipend. Some even took it for granted that she had been fighting for it for the last 20 years, with the result of having it continually disallowed.

"I don't see how they could have kept you out of it so long, auntie," observed a giddy youth as he viewed the gentle, faded face through his monocle.

"I wish that I could draw a sum like that without earning it," said her next neighbor, a department clerk. "I have to work hard enough for my pittance."

Miss Penelope turned and looked at him reflectively. Then her mind flew back to the saber on the wall, and she smiled. It was a peaceful smile, and it straightway opened every heart to her entrance.

Before the week was past she had recounted all Nathan's battles, offered to work a "tiger lily" rug for the pretty young lady who was going to be married in the spring and started a chest protector for the young man opposite who was in consumption.

Within the month she had taken the tour of the public buildings, had gazed awestruck on the wonders of the capitol and Washington monument, and, grandest treat of all, had seen the Soldiers' home, with its corps of feeble veterans, and Arlington, with its 17,000 headstones and its monument to the unknown dead. Miss Penelope said nothing as she strolled slowly along the ranks of "bivouacked dead," but her face wore a look of exaltation when she left the sacred spot.

Her application had been sent in, but had not yet been acted upon. At last the department clerk offered to get his congressman to intercede for her.

"That'll hurry it along," he said encouragingly. "There's so much red tape about such matters, they only need a little pushing."

Miss Penelope thanked him, but showed no enthusiasm over his proffer of assistance. In fact, she suddenly became quite serious at the prospect of success.

Clyde Whiting attributed it to uneasiness as to the outcome and thought he was conferring a great kindness on the old lady when he interested Congressman Lane in her behalf and took him down to the pension office to jog the memory of the dilatory clerks.

"Claim 9,764—certainly, sir." And the obsequious employee began to examine the files diligently. "Um! Are you quite sure about the name? There must be some mistake."

"No. 9,764—Mr. Nathan R. Briggs," broke in young Whiting impatiently.

"Yes. Well, you see, his widow has been drawing his pension for the last 20 years. That is the reason the claim was not acted upon, I suppose. Matilda, widow of Nathan R. What is the present claimant's given name?"

"Penelope," Clyde answered in a crestfallen tone. "I heard Mrs. Allen call her Penelope."

The clerk snapped back the files nonchalantly.

"I remember the other case. Had not heard from her husband for years; sup-

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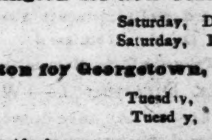

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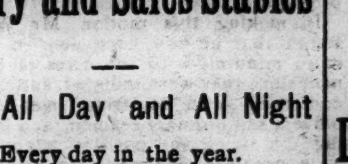

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DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.40 p m, Marion 6.40 p m, Florence 7.20 p m, Sumter 9.30 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 58 a m, Jacksonville 8.20 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2.37 p m, Goldsboro 3.20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rock Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 3 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 20 a m, Jacksonville 10 42, a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.00 a m, Sanford 1.50 p m, Jacksonville 8.00 p m, Savannah 1.48 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8.20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.50 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10.41 a m, Chadbourn 11 45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4.30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.20 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.00 a m, arrive Latta 10.28 a m, Dillon 10 50 a m, Rowland 11 05 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 10 p m, arrives Dillon 6.29 p m, Latta 6.43 p m, Pee Dee 7.15 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 32 p m, Manning 7.03 p m, arrive Lane's 7 33 p m, leave Lanes 8.38 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.55 p m, arrive Darlington 9.20 p m., Hartsville 9 55 p m, Bennettsville 9 55 p m, Gibson 10 20 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m, Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7.30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.15 p m, Smithfield 3.28 p m, Dunn 4.10 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.10 p m, returning leave Rowland 9 33 a m, Fayetteville 12.23 a m, 10.35 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.43 p m, Selma 1.51 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.29 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 40 a m, Creston 5 32 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 50 p m, Creston 5 42 p m, Sumter 6 00 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 5.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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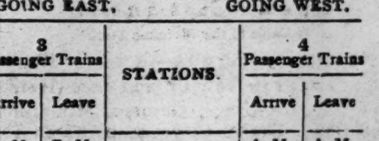

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GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave
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....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.
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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1897

ARRAIGNED IN COURT.

Zanoli, the New York Barber Charged with Causing the Death of Persons on Whose Life He Obtained Insurance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Charles Zanoli, the barber who has been held on suspicion of causing the death of some of the many people on whose lives he obtained insurance, was arraigned in police court to-day on the charge of homicide in causing the death of Jennie Suhmer, his fourth and last wife, by the use of poison or some other means. The assistant district attorney stated in court that the charge was based upon the result of the preliminary examination upon the body of Jennie Suhmer, which was exhumed yesterday. The death certificate of that woman gave typhoid fever as the cause. The cursory investigation made by the experts yesterday proved that typhoid fever was not a direct cause of death. The affidavit charging Zanoli with homicide asked that he might be held for sufficient time to enable the prosecution to procure evidence. The crime is stated to have taken place in August 9th last.

When Zanoli was told that it was found that his fourth wife did not die from typhoid fever, he said: "That's not my fault; its the fault of the doctors who said she did."

Zanoli has already pleaded guilty to the charge of defrauding an insurance company, but has positively denied that he was in any way responsible for the deaths of his four wives and the other persons whose insurance he obtained.

Zanoli was held without bail on the charge of homicide. He will be examined on Saturday next. He was also held in $9 000 bail on the charge of larceny for collecting $355 from the insurance company under the name of Chas. Braune, as the insurance of Charles Zanoli, whom he had represented as dead.

Throughout the proceedings to day Zanoli appeared perfectly calm. He refused to talk to any one but his lawyers.

GEN. JULIO SANGUILLY.

The Legation at Washington Has No Information That He Has Tendered His Services to the Spanish Cause.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The Spanish legation here has no information respecting the semi-official announcement coming from Havana to the effect that General Julio Sanguilly has tendered his services to the Spanish cause. It is stated that no papers or documents of any kind bearing on the matter have passed through the legation and although the officials do not go beyond this statement, there is reason to believe that the story obtains no credence.

Senor Manuel Rafael Argulo, one of the leaders of the Cuban colony in New York, was in Washington yesterday and spent some time in conference with persons in this city respecting the outlook in Cuba. Senor Argulo was a leading lawyer and autonomist of Havana and was obliged to leave Cuba on account of disagreement with Weyler's policy. He settled in New York, where he is conducting a newspaper in the interest of the autonomists. This has been printed in Spanish, but it has been arranged to issue an English edition to meet the demand for a newspaper edited by Cubans that shall set out the autonomist policies. I is said by his friends here that Senor Argulo never has been a separatist, or, in other words, never has declared for independence, but has always striven on constitutional lines for home rule and autonomy of advanced type for Cuba. He is now considering whether he can better serve his cause by remaining in New York or by returning to Cuba and taking an active part in the political re-organization of the government there, which his prominence in the autonomist party seems to require of him. I is not settled that he shall be a member of the first Cuban cabinet, but it is highly probable that with the domination of his party in Cuban affairs he will be called upon to assume some highly responsible place.

S. A. L. AND SOUTHERN.

Old Rates on Chesapeake Bay to be Re-established December 20th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE December 14.—It is announced that on December 20th the York River Line of steamers will return to the old rates from Baltimore to Richmond in force before the rate war between the Southern Railway and the S. A. L began. At the same time the Old Bay Line will withdraw its service to Richmond, established in competition with the York River Line. The New York River Line will also cease to compete for Norfolk business against the Old Bay Line and will handle only the through business of the Southern Railway from that city. These changes are part of the peace arrangement between the Southern Railway and Seaboard Air Line.

SEIZURE OF KIAO-CHOU.

German Volunteers Going to the Bay—China Said to be Indifferent.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, December 14.—Emperor William to day received in audience Herr von Brandt, a former German Minister to China. The volunteer corps which is going to China, exceeds 1,900 men in number. They have been drawn equally from all the army corps.

Herr Eugene S. Wolff, the well known German explorer, cables to the *Tageblatt*, from Shanghai, saying that China is wholly indifferent to the seizure of Kiao-Chou bay.

The German merchants in China and Japan insist upon the establishment of a fortnightly steamship line between Germany and East Asia.

A FAMOUS HORSE THIEF.

Fred Rubeck Said to Have Stolen Over $75,000 Worth of Horses and Buggies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO December 14.—Fred Rubeck has stolen within the last five years between $75 000 and $100,000 worth of horses and buggies. A statement to that effect was made by Rubeck himself to the police last night.

Rubeck was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, two weeks ago and brought to Chicago under indictment for horse-stealing a few days later. Here he was identified by five women whom he was accused of having attacked last Summer. Rubeck gave a list of over fifty persons in Chicago from whom he said he had stolen horses and vehicles.

Mr. Andrew Dowdy, a prominent citizen of Cumberland county, Va., committed suicide at his home. He was not more than 27 years old and was unmarried.

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A SHORT SESSION.

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURN OUT OF RESPECT TO THE PRESIDENT.

No Business in the Senate Beyond Introduction of Bills and Resolutions—Consideration of the Pending Appropriation Bill Postponed in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The Senate was in session just fifteen minutes to-day, adjournment being taken until to-morrow out of respect to President McKinley, who is to-day in attendance upon the funeral of his mother.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts. "All Senators," said he, "are aware of the great calamity that has overtaken the chief magistrate of the nation. He is to-day in attendance upon the funeral of his mother. Out of respect to him and as an expression of our sympathy for him in his affliction, I move that the Senate do now adjourn."

No business beyond the introduction of bills and resolutions was transacted. At 2 15 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House to-day, after a session of about two hours, adjourned out of sympathy for the President, whose mother was buried at Canton this afternoon. The time of the session was devoted to the consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill. It was decided to postpone the consideration of the item providing for the maintenance of the Civil Service Commission until after the other features of the bill had been concluded. It was apparent from the remarks made to day that the entire subject will be exhaustively debated. There is seemingly no disposition to curtail the discussion and it probably will not be concluded before the holiday recess. So absorbing is the topic that almost the entire time to-day, despite the fact that the consideration of the question had been technically postponed, was consumed in debate upon it.

At 1 45 the House adjourned until to-morrow.

THE FALL RIVER MILLS.

Reduction of Wages Will Begin January 3rd, 1898—Developments Will Depend Upon the Attitude of Operatives.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FALL RIVER, December 14.—Notices of the proposed reduction of wages have been mailed to the various cotton mills and were distributed and posted to day. The notices announce that there will be a reduction of wages beginning January 3rd, 1898, the details to be given out later.

The manufacturers' committee concluded its labors and adjourned this afternoon. At the close of the meeting the secretary announced that the committee voted to recommend a general reduction of wages in all departments on the same basis.

The price for weaving a cut of 24-inch 64-by 64 print cloth will be reduced from 18 to 16 cents, and the reduction in all other departments without reserve, will be the equivalent of 11 1 9 per cent. Contrary to report, the schedule now in use will be the basis for the new one, and no changes will be made except the reduction. The secretary said that in the matter of goods which are being so commonly manufactured as to be practically staple goods, each mill will be allowed to figure its own prices, merely cutting the specified per cent. from the prices now paid.

The spinners' schedule which has served as the basis for all wage changes for nearly ten years will be used as the basis in the present case, each mill figuring the new price as it becomes necessary by reason of changes in the number of yarns spun. It is the expectation and recommendation of the committee that the salaries of all administrative officers be reduced 11 1-9 per cent. from the present figures.

The new schedule will be sent out at once and then developments will depend upon the attitude of the operatives. The matter of an address to the operatives is now settled and there will be none, nor will there be a conference between the manufacturers and operatives unless the need of such a conference should become necessary to avert trouble, when there is a possibility that something of the kind would be brought into the situation. It is hoped by the members of the committee that the fact that the cut is general, including the treasurers and superintendents in the same ratio as the operatives, will lead the latter to accept the situation. The salaried men in general favor the reduction of their incomes as well as the wages of the operatives, not only as an expression of good faith, but for business reasons.

THE OLIVE PECKER MUTINY.

Only One Man of the Crew Will be Tried for Murder—Indictments Against Others Dismissed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, December 13.—When the noted Pecker mutiny case comes up for trial there will be but one man of the crew of six to confront the charge, John Andersen, the cook, the confessed murderer of the captain and mate of the schooner Olive Pecker, and also charged with burning the vessel. Several weeks ago two of the crew, Andrew March and Martin Barstad were acquitted of the charges against them and held as witnesses. The other three, John Lind, William Hersburgh and Manuel de Dios Borrail were indicted as accessories to both murders and as principals in the destruction of the schooner.

To day the indictments against them were dismissed by the Federal Court upon a motion by District Attorney White for the entry of an order of nolle prosequi.

In making this motion, Mr. White stated that he had been able to look more minutely into the cases of these men since they were indicted, and "after conferring with seafaring men, both officers and ordinary seamen, and learning the important position which the cook occupies on a merchant vessel, he being practically next to the captain," said Mr. White, "I have determined to accept the statement of these men that they were forced by John Andersen to throw the bodies of the captain and mate overboard after he had shot them and then to help burn the vessel, obeying his orders at the pistol point. In a word, I have reached the conclusion that the United States would not, under the circumstances, be justified in prosecuting these cases."

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FUNERAL OF MRS. M'KINLEY.

GREAT GATHERING OF SYMPATHIZERS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

A Procession of Three Thousand People—Beautiful Floral Offerings—Impressive Ceremonies—Oration—Simple Exercises at the Grave.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CANTON, December 14.—Although it rained almost incessantly all day, the crowd attending the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley was numbered by thousands. The First Methodist Episcopal church, doubled in capacity by throwing open the Sunday school rooms and gallery, was filled to overflowing long before the beginning of the services. The great rostrum of the church was a bank of flowers. After the simple ceremony thousands passed through the church, each stopping an instant at the altar to take a last look at the remains. This procession was composed of 3,000 people who had gained admission to the church and thousands of others who stood outside in the rain waiting the time when they could get in one side door, pass the altar and go out on the other side. When this had continued an hour it was found necessary to close the side doors and remove the casket to the funeral car, as it was feared that the interment would be delayed until after dark.

During the services and until after the remains had been viewed, the family and close friends occupied the front pews of the central section of the church. With the President in the first pew was his sister, Miss Helen, and his brother, Abner, with their sister, Mrs. Duncan, of Cleveland. Immediately back of them was the aged sister of the departed, Mrs. Osborne, of Youngstown, surrounded by grandchildren and other near relatives. Back of these were members of the Cabinet and the Washington visitors.

As the casket containing the remains was tenderly placed in front of the chancel rail the Æolian quartette 'of male voices chanted "Still, Still with Thee." Rev. E. P. Herbruck, of Trinity Reformed church, whose pastorate in Canton is of the longest in the local clergy, offered a fervent prayer. This was followed by the reading of the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," by Rev. Mr. Milligan, of the First Presbyterian church, and the singing of the same by the quartette.

Rev. Dr. Hall, of Trinity Lutheran church, read a scriptural lesson from First Corinthians, part of the 15th chapter. Former Mayor R. A. Cassidy then read the memorial adopted by the board of officers of the church, of which Mrs. McKinley had so long been a member, and the quartette sang, "Lead, Kindly Light."

Rev Dr. Manchester, who was a comrade in arms of the President during the war as a member of the famous 23rd Ohio volunteer infantry, and who has been the pastor of the First M. E. church for several years, delivered a short oration, in which he dwelt upon the character of the beloved departed and spoke of her as she was known by neighbors and friends in Canton.

After the singing, "Nearer, My God to Thee," the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. McAfee, of Columbus, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist church of Columbus, which the President attended while he was Governor of Ohio.

This service was preceded by brief private services at the house, attended by the immediate family and the Washington guests. The house services consisted of a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Manchester and the reading of the twenty-third psalm by the Rev. Mr. McAfee.

The church was beautiful with the wealth of flowers sent by the people of the nation and with the rich drapery of mourning with which it had been arranged by the officers of the church. The chancel rails were buried in a cluster of flowers and the pulpit was entirely hidden by delicate blooms from many hothouses. As a backing to all of the flowers there were drapings and festoons of black, caught up here and there by cords and bows of white. The large loft, ordinarily occupied by a chorus choir, was occupied on one side by the officers of the church and on the other by the clergy of the city.

When the cortege reached the cemetery the burial ground of the McKinley family was surrounded by an immense crowd who seemed to give no heed to the inclement weather. A canvas canopy had been erected near the open grave for the shelter of the family and those assisting in the last sad rites. Here the beautiful wreath of flowers which the President and Mrs. McKinley had placed upon the graves of the children they lost long ago, and of the President's father, brother and sister, were literally covered with the numerous floral offerings sent by sympathizing friends from all over the country.

The exercises at the grave were simple. The casket was lowered into the grave by the pall-bearers and the simple service of the Methodist Episcopal church was read responsively by Presiding Elder E. D Holtz, of this district, and Rev. E. C. Manchester, Rev. MacAfee, of Columbus, pronouncing a benediction.

This evening the Cabinet officers and other distinguished officials, except the McKinley family, dined at the home of Mrs. George D. Harter. The President and the immediate family remained at the old homestead until train time.

The special train on which the Washington party came this morning, left at 8 30 o'clock this evening, the President's car, "Newport," being attached. The train carried President and Mrs. McKinley, Secretary and Mrs. Alger, Secretary Bliss, Attorney General and Mrs McKenna, Postmaster General Gary, Secretary Wilson, Secretary to the President Porter and Mrs. Porter, Hon. Whitelaw Reid, Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Day, Mr. Abner McKinley and daughter Mabel, of New York; Congressman R. W. Taylor, of this district; Hon. H. H. Kohlsaat, Ernest Hamill and Walter H. R. Wilson, of Chicago; Miss. Mary Barber. Mrs. McKinley's niece; Miss Sarah Duncan, of Cleveland, the President's niece; Mr. Jack Duncan, Mrs G. Duncan, Mrs. George Harter, Col. J N. Taylor, of East Liverpool.

During the progress of the funeral of Mrs. McKinley to-day several robberies occurred. The home of Ervin Marshall was entered and a large quantity of jewelry secured. Jno. G. Kramer's jewelry establishment, opposite the church, was looted of diamonds, watches and other jewelry.

The police arrested a man who had just been released from the work house and part of the missing articles were recovered.

A number of pockets were also picked.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

The Special Committee of Republican Representatives Outlines Its Action.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The special committee of Republican Representatives in Congress who are seeking to change the civil service law, held its first meeting to day and outlined its action. It was determined to divide the work between two sub committees, one to draft a bill to change the law and another to gather evidence on the defects of the present law, its extension beyond the original purpose of the law, etc. The purpose of the latter committee is to make clear to the House when the subject shall come up that a change is imperative. Chairman Grosvenor named as the sub-committee to frame a bill Messrs. Hepburn, of Iowa; Pearson, of North Carolina, and Evans, of Kentucky; and as the sub-committee to examine into the defects of the law, Messrs. Tawney, of Minnesota, O'Dell, of New York, and Steele, of Indiana. Their work will begin at once.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

The Party Policy on the Questions of Cuba, Finance and Bankruptcy Defined.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The caucus of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives to-night resulted in the adoption of resolutions defining the party policy on the questions of Cuba, finance and bankruptcy. The caucus was largely attended, 101 of 195 Democratic members being present despite the stormy weather. Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, acted as chairman, and Representative Cummings, of New York, and Cowherd, of Missouri, as secretaries. Representative Bailey, of Texas, took the initiative by presenting the following series of resolutions:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this caucus that the Democratic members of the House of Representatives ought to resist all efforts, direct or indirect, to retire the greenbacks and Treasury notes.

Second. That we are opposed to and will resist all attempts to extend the privileges of national banks or to reduce the taxes which they now pay.

Third. That we favor the early consideration and passage of the Senate resolution recognizing that a condition of war exists in the island of Cuba between the Government of Spain and the Cuban people.

Fourth. That we favor the early enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law.

The first three features of the resolutions, on finance and Cuba, were considered separately, the discussion being vigorous and unanimously favorable. Mr. Bailey made the main speech, urging that Democratic members should take their position promptly against those financial movements assuming formidable dimensions owing to the recommendations given to them by the President and the Secretary of the Treasury. He also spoke for a clear-cut position in favor of the recognition of Cuban belligerency, as embodied in the Morgan resolution, which passed the Senate during the extra session. There was not a dissenting voice to Mr. Bailey's propositions, and the first three resolutions were carried by a unanimous vote, the result being received with hearty cheers.

The fourth feature of the resolutions, declaring for a just and wise bankruptcy law, met with some opposition. Mr. Dearmond, of Missouri, argued that it was not expedient for the party to take a position favorable to a bankruptcy bill at this time. The resolution was supported by Messrs. Bailey, Simms of Tennessee and Swanson of Virginia. The resolution finally prevailed by a large majority, although Mr. Dearmond and about half a dozen others registered their votes in opposition to this course.

On motion of Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, arrangements were made for the usual congressional committee to conduct the congressional campaign of 1898. The committee is to consist of one member from each State, Territory and the District of Columbia, and nine Senators, to be chosen by the Senate Democratic caucus.

The caucus adjourned at 9 o'clock, having been in session just an hour.

BRYAN IN MEXICO.

A Visitor at the Chamber of Deputies—Enthusiastically Received and Invited to Speak.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 14.—Mr. Bryan had a busy and agreeable day to-day. He called to pay his respects to the American minister, Gen. Powell Clayton, at 10 o'clock and was cordially greeted. After passing an hour with the minister he drove in the forest of Chapultepec with Thomas Braniff, president of the Bank of London and Mexico, Ex Governor Crittenden and Gen. Jno. B Frisbie. In the afternoon he was a visitor with Mrs. Bryan at the Chamber of Deputies and was admitted to the floor, the Congressmen all rising out of respect to the leader of the Democratic party in the United States. He was invited to speak, and talked of parliamentary institutions and of the progress which Mexico is making on all sides. His reception in the chamber was enthusiastic.

Congress has approved the contract entered into with Samuel Hermann, of New York, for supplying a million dollars worth of material for federal railways, telegraphs, etc.; also, the contract with R. G. Dun & Co., of New York, establishing a mercantile agency here.

THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

Attorneys For the State Open the Case—The Court Room Crowded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 14.—After two weeks spent in securing a jury, the second trial of Adolph L. Luetgert, the burly sausage manufacturer accused of murdering his wife Louisa, was commenced before Judge Gary to-day. The court room was crowded when the case was called. The prosecution, as in the former trial, was represented by State's attorney Deneen and assistant State's attorney McQueen, while Luetgert had at his side as his defenders, attorneys Harmon, Reitz and Kehoe.

Assistant State's Attorney McEwen made the opening address for the State. His speech, which occupied the greater part of the session, did not deviate much from the line he pursued in his address at the opening of the former trial.

Attorney Harmon, for the defence, made his opening statement after Assistant State's Attorney McEwen had finished. The defence will rely upon the soap making theory to explain the condition of the vats following the night of the alleged murder.

LIGHT HOUSE DUES.

The Question of Assessment of Foreign Vessels Receiving Attention.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The question of the assessment of light house dues against foreign vessels entering the ports of the United States is now receiving the attention of leading shipping interests in this country, and it is not improbable that during the present session a bill will be introduced in Congress having for its object the imposition of such dues. The records of the Treasury Department show that the annual expenditures of the United States for the benefit of navigation amount to about $30,000,000, of which $3 500 000 is for the maintenance of the light house establishment. The benefits to foreign ship owners of this heavy expenditure is said to be several times greater than those enjoyed by American merchant men, and, although the United States charges no light house dues, Great Britain and other European nations impose these duties on all foreign vessels entering their ports, including those of the United States.

Wells Fargo Company's special officers and Deputy United States marshals have captured in Arizona five of the train robbers engaged in the attempted robbery of the Southern Pacific's Sunset flyer at Steins Pass last Thursday night. They will be brought to New Mexico for trial where the penalty for train robbery is death.

Judge Sanborn, at St. Louis, granted the request of the Government for a continuance for sixty days of the sale of the Kansas Pacific R R. This will make the date February 15th.

THE COTTON GROWERS.

Nearly Three Hundred Delegates at the Convention in Atlanta—Farmers Advised to Reduce Cotton Acreage.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., December 14.—When the convention of the Southern Cotton Growers met in the ball room of the Kimball house at noon to day, nearly three hundred delegates answered to the call. They represented the foremost planters of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas and other Southern States. The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. C. Wilborn, the President of the South Carolina association.

The following temporary officers were chosen: J. C. Wilborn, South Carolina, president; S. E. Watson, Texas, vice president; Robert Cuenthem, editor of the Memphis *Cotton Journal*, secretary.

The object of the association will be to have repealed the present mortgage, lien, etc., laws, under which they contend that the Southern farmers have been subjected to abject poverty. They will also devise some means to greatly mitigate the speculation in cotton, which is now indulged in so freely by Southern as well as Northern people. They say that the speculators practically gobble the entire crop before its production and that low prices is the result.

The Southern farmers will be advised to reduce their cotton acreage and plant more food crops.

By unanimous action at the night session the cotton growers decided in favor of reduced acreage, against trusts and speculation in cotton, endorsed the meeting of the American Cotton Growers' Association in Memphis next week, decided in favor of complete organization in every county and State in the South, self-sustaining and information bureaus.

A committee of six men was appointed to attend the Memphis convention Monday.

SOUTHERN BANKERS.

Convention in Atlanta Will Discuss Currency Reform and Send Delegates to Washington to Take the Question Before Congress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., December 14.—The Southern Bankers meet here in convention to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of discussing currency reform and electing delegates to Washington who will be authorized to take the question before Congress. The congress was called by the Atlanta Clearing House Association, and about 2 000 invitations have been sent out to the bankers throughout the Southern States. The convention will result in important action. There are many visiting bankers here to-night. Among the visitors is F. H. Hooker, vice president of the New York Financier Company. The convention will be in session only one day.

WARM WIRELETS

A special dispatch from Rome says the Marquis di Rudini has re-constructed the Italian cabinet.

A fight is being arranged between Corbett and Fitzsimmons as will as other pugilists to be held in Carson, Nev, in July, 1898.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in North Carolina:—Hub, Charles M. Mikel; Pomacea, Cicero B. Harriss; Richland, Alavia B. Cox.

The story that an Indian named Auk had come out from Dawson City bringing the news that a large number of people were fleeing from Dawson is generally discredited at Seattle.

Chicago aldermen raised their salaries from $3 a week to $1 500 a year last night. The ordinance which accomplished it was passed under a suspension of the rules by a vote of 59 to 8

The Spanish Government, it is again announced, is negotiating with the Armstrongs for a cruiser of 4,300 tons, said to be worth £300 000, built for Japan, but which Japan does not want. The vessel is said to be practically ready for sea.

Two masked men made a raid on the town of Augusville, North Dakota, last night, held up the occupants of several stores and secured several hundred dollars. A posse is in pursuit of the thieves.

Louis and John Bonner, negroes, who had been attending the United States Court at Birmingham, Ala., as witnesses against alleged white-cappers, were murdered Tuesday night. The government has been notified and further trouble is feared.

Hon. Alexander McDonald, former minister to Persia, died at Lynchburg, Va., yesterday. He contracted bronchitis in Persia. On his return from that country, he traveled leisurely through Europe and reached home just one week ago. Soon after his arrival the bronchitis developed into pneumonia.

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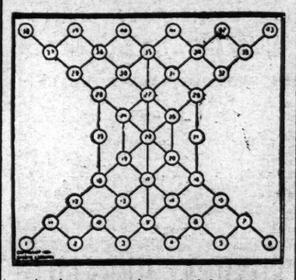

are to give an evening entertainment and don't know just how to amuse your friends, try Waterloo. It may also be played progressively, two at each board.

To play the game cut from cardboard 12 small squares, 6 white and 6 colored.

The player using the white pieces, or men, places them on one of the end rows, as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The opponent's men are placed on 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43. Call these two rows the camp rows.

The object of the game is for each player to try to get all his men into his opponent's camp row. The one who first does this wins. Observe the following rules:

Move only one space at a time—that is, from one circle to another—except in case of a jump.

Always move forward, never backward, on either the diagonal or the straight lines. Thus, a man on circle 4 in passing to the opposite camp row may move to 8 or 9, but not back from 8 or 9 to 4. Having reached 9, the next move may be to either 18, 14 or 17.

Jumps are made as in checkers, except that the pieces jumped are not taken from the board. When possible, two or more pieces may be jumped at the same time, as in checkers.

No jump can be made around an angle, as from 14 to 21—the pieces jumped must lie in a straight line. A player must jump when there is a chance.

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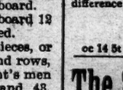

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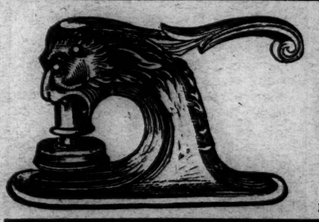

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